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TELEGRAPHIC.

HUMBOLDT, April 7, 1882.

Weather fine, snow going away fast.
The mail going west has not passed here yet.

Ft. PELLY, April 7, 1882.

Geese were seen here last Saturday flying north.
Weather very mild, snow going rapidly.
Indians have begun making sugar down Swan River.

LOCAL.

A GOOSE was shot at Big Lake last week.
DANCE at W. Bird's on Wednesday night.
AD. McPHERSON has gone to Lac la Biche.
SNOW almost all gone, and the roads getting dry.

HUMBERSTONE is preparing to burn more brick.

CATTLE have been feeding out for the past week.

FREIGHTERS are scarce this spring. All going farming.

J. R. MATHESON started for Lac la Biche on Tuesday evening last.

J. ASHEN has bought R. McKernan's place at the Two Hills for \$1500.

THE land boom is causing ten dollar bills to circulate here pretty freely.

THE name "Prudhomme," which occurs on our third page, should be "Pruden."

THE snow going away has not caused much slush, but the creeks are pretty high.

K. A. McLEOD has taken a claim in rear of J. Eamer's across the Little Mill Creek.

ON Friday the Saskatchewan was open clear across a little below Ft. Saskatchewan.

J. CAMERON, of A. Macdonald & Co., is at Lac la Biche on Pruden estate business.

A GOOD many of the farmers threaten to plow on Monday next if the weather keeps fine.

P. TAIT shot two stock ducks on Thursday morning last and others have been seen flying around.

S. D. MULKINS has finished taking the census of the St. Albert and Lac Ste. Anne settlements.

ALEX. TAYLOR arrived from Ft. Saskatchewan on Friday evening to take charge of the telegraph office here.

THE ice of the river has raised in the middle and good sized streams of water are running at both sides, but the ice is still sound.

MR. T. ANDERSON has 10,000 feet of lumber across the river with which to erect a dwelling and office on the flat on a part of J. Walter's claim.

AS the telegraph line is down at Dog Lake on the other side the narrows of Lake Manitoba we are without our usual Winnipeg dispatches.

CHARLES GAUTHIER has purchased the farm of the Messrs. Harnois at St. Albert, for \$750. They will remove to their farm on the Big Lake road.

MOST of the H. B. Co's lots have passed out of the hands of the original purchasers and are held by wealthy nabobs in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

OSBORNE & SMITH are busy building the scows for their mining machines on the river near the Fort. They will be ready to start operations as soon as the ice goes.

W. MAVOR has sold out his claim on the south side of the river, between Joe Macdonald's and M. Bredin's, to Mr. T. Anderson, Crown Timber Agent, for \$1,500 cash.

EVERY claim on the north side of the river for five miles above town and eight miles below is taken, and very nearly the same on the south side, besides most of the good claims on both sides for several miles back.

THE name of the man who shot W. J. O'Donnell's cow is John Felix Cellion, a half breed from Lac Ste. Anne, who takes treaty money. The police are after him and two others who were also concerned in the shooting.

FRANK McLELLAN, DAN. McLEOD and W. Ashley pulled out from Edmonton on Friday bound for Winnipeg. They expect to leave Ft. Saskatchewan on Monday next and will take the Vermilion trail to Battleford.

W. STIFF took up on Thursday last a small claim on the south side of the river, between W. Bird, Charles Gauthier, G. Donald and D. Ross, and will do improvements on it forthwith. It has not been generally known that this piece of land was unclaimed, as the usual plan here is for a man to claim all he can see, but it seems that Mr. Donald, instead of taking his claim northward towards the river, takes it southward from his house and this leaves the front part of what would otherwise be his claim vacant. Mr. Stiff finding this out at once took possession. At present prices the place is worth in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

MR. J. NORRIS will leave for the end of the track with a train of carts about the 10th of May. He will cross the river here and follow the northern and eastern slope of the Beaver Hills past the southern point of the Beaver Lake. From there he will strike south-east for the Flag Hill, and cross the Battle River near there on the old plain trail from Edmonton to Carlson. He will follow that trail south easterly to the crossing of the Trampling lake, where he will leave the trail and continuing on the same course past the Little Devil's Lake will cross the South Branch at the Red Sandy Hills, below the Moose Woods. From there he will go straight to Qu'Appelle around the north end of the Last Mountain Lake and from Qu'Appelle to the end of the track by the old road. With the exception of a small crook around the north-east point of the Beaver Hills, this road will be as straight as one can be made and is a dryer and more level road than any other. The only considerable streams to be crossed will be the Battle River and the South Branch, but these will have to be rafted as there are no ferries at the points at which it is proposed to cross them. This is the principal drawback that there will be to the general use of the road. As it comes straight across the plains there are several stretches of it without wood, but water can be had in sufficient quantities all along. This trail avoids the Touchwood, Eagle and Blackfoot Hills and the Hay Lakes road.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 6th April, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Geo. Slack Wood observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	43	19
Saturday,	48	20
Sunday,	24	21
Monday,	34	9
Tuesday,	49	18
Wednesday,	51	23
Thursday,	55	20

Barometer rising.
Weather cloudy to fair and breezy. Highest wind during week occurred Monday evening, 2nd inst., recording ten miles per hour. Three warm days reduced snow materially.

C. J. Whellams of Rapid City, told a Globe reporter that "the mania for speculation is looked upon with general disfavor by the settlers, who well know that if the country is to be built up it is not by speculation. Success can only be obtained by steadiness and energy in the cultivation of the land and the constantly increasing productions of the country." Wonder how many of those excessively sensible people would refuse a speculative price for their farms.

Lord Lorne during his North-West trip lost a valuable diamond ring at a place west of Fort Qu'Appelle where the party camped one night and also a silver match box in the flow river country. A half breed found the ring and a Mr. Kennedy, a surveyor, found the match box. Both were returned.

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BEFORE THE 1ST OF APRIL.

All accounts not settled then will have to be placed in court for collection, according to instruction.
JOHN A. McDOUGALL.

NOTICE.
Any parties indebted to the late James R. Harris are requested to call and settle the same, and any person having claims against his estate will please forward the same to the undersigned.
JOHN A. McDOUGALL, } Executors.
JOHN MURPHY, }

TENDERS.
Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 15th day of April for the purchase of improvements and interest in the claim held by the late James R. Harris.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
JOHN A. McDOUGALL, } Executors.
JOHN MURPHY, }

Go to P. Heiminck's for
EIGHT-DAY CLOCKS.

THE PETITION.

The following is the petition which it was decided at the public meeting held last Thursday evening to send to the Governor-General: "May it please Your Excellency.

"We, the inhabitants of Edmonton, in public meeting assembled, approach Your Excellency with feelings of much respect, and acknowledging our loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen of these realms.

"It becomes us to inform Your Excellency that, on account of the distance of Edmonton from the centre of government, the lands of this district have not been surveyed by Government officials, and from this cause, and from there being no agency to decide on land matters, a general feeling of insecurity has arisen through the lawlessness of some persons who have unfairly attempted to take possession of places claimed for years by others. This, and the impossibility of obtaining redress in a legal manner, and in the interests of peace, order and justice, necessitated the formation of a committee of persons, as far as possible to prevent the forcible possession of homesteads and other claims until the Government saw fit to act—and no further.

"In consequence of the action of this committee, six persons have been remanded for trial, at the stipendiary magistrate's court to be held in June, for removing a shanty being erected on land claimed by the Methodist Mission here, and we venture to ask Your Excellency's protection to these persons, inasmuch as they are the agents of our public sentiment and are among our most respectable and law-abiding citizens, who think they act on the side of right and justice in the absence of governmental authorities.

"Your Excellency must have seen, in your journey through this country, how isolated are many of our people, and how necessary are prompt order and justice, however rough, to preserve a sense of security in so extensive and unsettled a region as this Great North-West.

"Also, Your Excellency, it is our loyal desire not to be looked upon as squatters in connection with our homestead and other rights. We regard ourselves as settlers, and we hope to be permanent ones under the old flag and the wise and beneficent rule of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

"Trusting that all blessings may rest upon Your Excellency, and the Dominion of Canada, in which we hope this North-West is destined to have its full share, we are Your Excellency's loyal subjects, the inhabitants of Edmonton and neighborhood in public meeting assembled."

The Duke of Edinburgh played first violin in a very creditable manner at a smoking concert by the amateur Orchestral Society on Friday. The members smoke and drink as much as they like at these concerts. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Teck and Duke of Saxe-Weimar were among the notables present. God save the King! He needs it.

The Saskatchewan Herald of March 11th says that "several persons who have returned from Edmonton during the winter have selected land in this locality and intend to commence operations in the spring." All the better for Edmonton. A man who knows so little as to choose bad land in preference to good is no loss to the place he leaves. At the same time we beg leave to doubt this statement.

The Herald kindly remarks that a party bound for Winnipeg "bring most discouraging reports from Edmonton." The Yale Sentinel of Jan. 19th has a letter from Mr. Malcolm McKinnon who came here from British Columbia last fall in which he says that "the land cannot be better, it is without exception the best I have ever seen anywhere." Slight difference of opinion.

The Yale B.C. Sentinel of Jan. 19th gives an account of a murder and subsequent lynchings that took place at Seattle on the 17th and 19th respectively. The murdered man was G. B. Reynolds, head clerk to D. A. Jennings. Two men were arrested on suspicion the night of the murder and at noon of the next day a vigilance committee hanged them. While they had their hands in they got possession of a man who shot a policeman about a month before and hanged him also.

GENERAL NEWS.

FREE postal delivery in Winnipeg.

WEATHER mild and business dull at Cassair this winter.

THE number of post offices in Manitoba and the North-West was 160 in last year.

TENDERS have been invited for lighting a part of the Welland Canal with the electric light.

THE cost of constructing the C.P.R. from Port Moody to Emory Bar is estimated at \$2,000,000.

MR. DEWDNEY is allowed expenses to the amount of \$3.50 per day when away from headquarters.

THE Ontario Government surplus for the last year was \$520,515, and the total surplus is over \$5,000,000.

MR. P. G. LAURIE of the Saskatchewan Herald is bringing two of his daughters with him to Battleford.

THE weather has been so mild this winter in British Columbia that plowing could be carried on at Kamloops in January.

A company has been formed to explore for salt at Stonevall, Manitoba. It is thought that a bed of salt underlies the place.

GREAT destitution is reported among the farmers in some of the southern counties of Illinois, on account of bad crops last season.

THE steamers on the Fraser run so irregularly that express, mail and passengers are sometimes taken from Yale to New Westminster by canoe.

THERE was a heavy snow storm along the Pacific Coast about the 20th of February. At Victoria there was no snow, but the cold was intense for five days.

THE Temperance Colonization Company has arranged for 2,000,000 acres of land on the South Saskatchewan, and have about 4,000 emigrants ready to go.

It is rumored that Mr. Stephens' mission to England is in connection with the purchase by the Canada Pacific Syndicate of the Hudson Bay lands in the North-West.

KNOX Church and site in Winnipeg sold by auction for \$126,100, half cash and the balance on mortgage. Rental, \$17,500 per annum for five years John and Andrew Northwood were the purchasers.

FOR three weeks in the latter part of February it rained almost daily in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The country was flooded from Memphis to Vicksburg, fifteen miles back from the river on either side.

THERE has been a tremendous land boom at Prince Albert. Forty town lots were sold on the mission property in three days according to the Herald. Dear, dear! Speculation is rampant! Where did all the money come from?

THE Globe publishes complete census returns for Ontario, Manitoba and the North-West, from which it appears that Ontario has a population 1,923,228, Manitoba 65,954, and the North-West, 56,446. Of course this includes the Indian population of the North-West.

W. BANNERMAN, M.P. says that American traders are established on Marble Island in Hudson's Bay where they carry on a free trade to the amount of \$600,000 in furs, whalebone and oil. He thinks the Government should look after the matter and see that they pay the same duties as the H.B.Co.

THE Rev. Father Petitot, while being conveyed from Winnipeg to Montreal for treatment for mental derangement, escaped from the priest and Indian attendant who had him in charge. The train was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour at the time, and hal left Belleville. When he was missed he was searched for in all directions, but he had in a desperate desire for liberty leaped from the train. He was recaptured.

In the dispute about the western boundary of Ontario between the Dominion Government and that of Ontario, the Dominion has attempted to transfer its share of the quarrel to Manitoba. Ontario simply remarks that it is going to hold the territory against all comers, and as Ontario contains nearly as great a population as the whole of the rest of the Dominion, there does not appear to be anything that can hinder it from doing so.

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LOCAL.

FENCE rails cost from 75 cents to \$1.00 a hundred for cutting.

DR. MUNRO is busy vaccinating the Indians in this neighborhood.

THE H. B. Co's saw mill began work on Thursday of last week.

THE Edmonton Mills are sawing during the day and grinding at night.

J. FIELDS has sold his claim near Little Mountain to W. Morrison.

MR. G. S. WOOD has sent in his resignation as telegraph operator here.

E. LANGRELL is having a small house erected on his claim back of the town.

M. McCAULEY has purchased J. Newlands' claim near the Little Mountain for \$100.

MR. MULKINS commenced taking the census of the St. Albert settlement on Saturday last.

F. WHITEFORD has sold his claim near the Two Hills to T. Anderson, Crown Timber agent.

MR. BREDIN proposes to take a claim on the Miner's Flat between G. Anderson and C. Stevens.

F. WHITEFORD has bought Norman Vandal's place at the Pigeon Lake crossing of the White Mud.

HUMBERSTONE is opening a new coal drift on this side of the river, a few yards below his old one.

T. LABELLE, who sold out his farm lately has taken a place on the river not far from his old claim.

WHOOPING cough, which was very prevalent among the children a few weeks ago, has now nearly disappeared.

T. WRIGHT has sold his place on the south side of the river, nearly opposite the fort, to Marshal Bredin for \$600.

T. HOUSTON has timber on the ground with which to erect a dwelling on the H. B. Co's reserve near the the Fort.

AD. McPHERSON's race horse, Boston Boy, has been ill of the epizootic, or some similar disease lately, but is recovering.

BIG demand for good cows now. It is to be hoped that some one will bring in a herd of first class tame cattle this season.

W. J. GRAHAM took up a claim on Tuesday last directly in rear of the H. B. Co. reserve, and is erecting a frame shanty on it.

COL. JARVIS moved across the river on Tuesday last to a farm near the Two Hills, purchased lately by him from J. Kiplin, for \$450.

D. S. McKAY is getting material on the ground for the erection of a dwelling on one of his H. B. Co. lots near the public school house.

J. A. ROSE and T. S. Stebbing left for Bow River on Tuesday. Rose will make the grand tour to England and back. Stebbing intends to remain at Bow River.

JAS LAUDER and Hugh McKay have taken claims on the Second Rat Creek, about three miles from town, and are erecting houses on them for occupation during the coming summer.

CHARLES GAUTHIER has sold his farm on the south side of the river and on the west bank of the Mill Creek to Murdoch McLeod for \$1,000. There is about twenty acres of improved land on the place besides a house and outbuildings.

On Tuesday last W. Loyd came in from the old crossing of the Pembina where a party is building boats in which to go to Lesser Slave Lake on their way to Peace River in the spring. The boats are nearly finished but they were short a few pounds of nails, for which Loyd came. He made the 60 miles in a day and a half on foot.

SOME time ago an Indian from Riviere Qu'Barre came to the agent here demanding grub and on being refused threatened to kill the first government animal he saw. No notice was taken of the threat, but on Saturday last while the instructor was absent on a trip to Victoria for supplies of seed he went to the Qu'Barre farm, picked out the finest cow there, and shot her. The cow was the private property of Mr. W. J. O'Donnell the instructor, and he will use every means to have the Indian punished.

RED HOT.

Now that property has reached such a price in Winnipeg every person owning a piece of land in that vicinity is sought out no matter how great the distance to be travelled. When it was seen here by the papers that the McKay estate, near Winnipeg, was worth \$500 an acre people began to remember that James Prudhomme of Lac la Biche had a farm in St. James' Parish, adjoining the McKay estate, for which he had been offered \$1,500 two years ago, but had refused to sell. As he had not been to Winnipeg since, the chances were that he was still in possession, and as he would be still unaware of the present prices of property there it was likely that he could be bought out for a reasonable figure.

On Sunday last Colin Fraser got back from Lac la Biche, where it was inferred he had gone to buy horses, and on Monday the news flew around that he had, on behalf of himself and Messrs. Wood and Lake, secured the Prudhomme estate at a nominal figure. Then the trouble began. Mr. Prudhomme's son who had come in to receive the balance of the money, \$500 having been paid down as a forfeit, was besieged on all sides and every inducement was held out to him to break the bargain, one man offering \$15,000 for the place, but without avail. The transfer papers are not yet signed, and it remains to be seen whether Prudhomme will stick to his bargain or not, but at any rate the situation is decidedly exciting for all parties concerned, as at present prices the property is worth any where from \$35,000 to \$50,000, containing as it does 95 acres of land close to the corporation of Winnipeg.

THE following are the census figures brought down by the Minister of Agriculture: Prince Edward Island, 108,891; Nova Scotia, 440,572; New Brunswick, 321,233; Quebec, 1,359,927; Ontario, 1,923,228; Manitoba, 65,954; British Columbia, 49,459; the territories, 56,446; county of Selkirk, Manitoba, 12,771; Provencher, 11,496; L'Assar, 5,786; Marquette, 19,449; Manitoba extension, 16,452; city of Winnipeg, 7,935.

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SPECULATION.

The real estate boom has at last struck Edmonton in good earnest. Farm property which has so far been almost utterly unsaleable now finds ready purchasers at good figures, although there is no certainty yet in regard to surveys, and the title is not one whit better than it ever was. There seems to be no doubt in the minds of any that the titles will be all right, for if a sufficient number of people came in, all holding their land without title, it will be impossible for any government to refuse to give them the land on fair terms.

The cause of the boom is easy to see. Money is plentiful in the east, and the people there have at last believed in the capabilities of the west. Nothing is more natural than that they should seek to invest their surplus cash in western property, as that property has steadily increased in value for a number of years from natural causes. It is just as natural that their desire to do so should at once increase the value of the property in which they wish to invest, and also that this increase in price should whet their desire for investment, as showing that had they purchased at the former figure it would have been a good speculation so they purchase at the figure asked now hoping that it will turn out all right. At this point investment becomes speculation and no limit can be assigned to it as long as flush times continue. When property is dealt in, not on the basis of what percentage it will pay when put to its legitimate use but on the price that speculators are willing to pay for it, expecting it to increase in value in the future, there is said to be a boom in land. Such a boom has been going on in Manitoba for some time, and the fact that property there has gone up out of reach and almost out of sight, has caused many to turn their attention to other points, and amongst the many others that there are to choose from a few have picked on Edmonton, as the place in which they desire to squander their surplus shukels. At Edmonton, however, the people have quite as much confidence in the present capabilities and future prospects of the place as the most sanguine speculators have, and of course hold the land, or their right to it, at a high figure. This accounts for the prices that have been paid here lately for farm property.

While it is pleasant to see those who pioneered in this country getting good, square, prices for their claims it is not less pleasant to see that none of those who have sold out have the slightest intention of leaving this district, merely changing one location for another. If the statements of the Battleford Herald and of the Globe correspondent in regard to the agricultural capabilities of this district are true, why do not those who have now such a splendid opportunity improve it by going to some more favored region? But they do not go, and this is the clearest and best proof that can be given of the advantages of this district over any other in the North-West.

But one thing should not be lost sight of and that is that speculation alone will never build up a town or country. Unless the expectations of those who speculate, in regard to the progress of the country, are realized—unless the improvements made keep pace with the prices paid—there is bound to be a reaction sometime. So that every one, while trying to make as much money in as short a time as possible, should seek to advance the material interests of the place, for on those interests the whole fabric of speculation rests. When the real interests of the place are left unthought of, speculation becomes a bubble which, although it may be swelled to almost any size is bound to burst sometime, and the more it is swelled the more certainly and quickly the smash will come. If, however, the money that wholesale speculation will bring here is put to its proper uses in the development of the country, and there is every prospect of this being done, there is no doubt that any prices that have been paid for property so far will be far below the actual value in a few years. As Artemus Ward said of his show we say of our country, "It is equalled by few and excelled by none," and all it has lacked so far is the capital necessary to its development. Now that this is coming to the front, the country is in a fair way for becoming all that the most sanguine of the people here ever dreamed of.

INDIAN RESERVES.

As spring is now opening, and the surveys of the Indian reserves in this vicinity will soon be made, we beg to enter still another protest against the location of reserves close to the settlements. The band of Indians under chief Papastayow, which make Edmonton their headquarters, wish to take their reserve on the south side of the Saskatchewan, the northern limit being within three miles of Edmonton. The Bow river and Hay Lakes trails cross it and it is directly on the line of any railway that may in the future be built from the south. It contains a large amount of fine farming land, and its nearness to the town and river makes it especially valuable.

There is no doubt that in the near future it will be found necessary to remove this reserve to some other locality and the expense and trouble incident to this removal will be in proportion to the necessity for its being made. It is well known that an Indian reserve located near a town is a cause of trouble and general demoralization to both whites and Indians. It would be far cheaper, then, for the Government to arrange the matter with the Indians now, before the reserve is finally located, than it will be in the future when every foot of it has become valuable, and thereby prevent a gross injury being done to this flourishing settlement.

The scarcity of limestone is a great drawback to the erection of good buildings in this place. As it is only found in the form of boulders the production of a kiln of lime is a very expensive operation, and of course the lime must be sold at a correspondingly high figure. If a quarry could be found up the river a good thing could be made out of it and we recommend those who may during the coming season be looking for coal, gold, or timber, to keep a sharp lookout for limestone for there is as much money in that as in either of the other three speculations.

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